



# Guidance News

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## Attention Seniors and Parents:

### Alden High School e-News/Text Messaging Alerts Have Arrived

e-News is a service that allows Parents, Students, Faculty/Staff and Community Members to sign up to receive e-mails and/or text messages on school related information.

A special category has been designed for members of the Class of 2010 to receive important communications from the Guidance Office. Seniors should log on to [www.aldenschools.org/enews](http://www.aldenschools.org/enews) and be sure to check the Class of 2010 option under Alden High School (9-12). To receive text messages, be sure to indicate both your cell phone number and your cell phone service provider. If you check additional options, you will receive text messages from other sources. Contact the Guidance Office if you have any questions or need assistance.

Also, you may opt-out of e-News, or change e-News categories, at any time, just by revising your information at this site.

Example:

Alden High School (9-12)  
 General News  
 Class of  
 2010

**Receive Text Alerts**

Cell Phone Carrier

Cell Phone  Number is required for text messages if not part of

**Check out these websites:**

***(For SUNY schools):***

[www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu) (there are links that will give you access to all campuses)

***(For private NYS colleges):***

[www.college-guide-nys.org](http://www.college-guide-nys.org)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

***(For online campus tours):***

[www.nymentor.edu](http://www.nymentor.edu) (can take you on an online campus tour or allow you to create your own college e-mail account)

***(Financial Aid/ Scholarship Sites):***

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)  
[www.collegeaid.com](http://www.collegeaid.com)  
[www.highschoolhub.org](http://www.highschoolhub.org)  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)  
[www.citizensbank.com/edu/scholarshipsearch.com](http://www.citizensbank.com/edu/scholarshipsearch.com)

***(Career Web Sites):***

[www.careerpathsonline.com](http://www.careerpathsonline.com)  
[www.nycareerzone.org](http://www.nycareerzone.org)  
[www.science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks](http://www.science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.nycolleges.org](http://www.nycolleges.org)

***(College Search Information):***

[www.citizensbank.com/edu](http://www.citizensbank.com/edu)  
[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com) (can provide useful advice on college and university majors)

**Financial Aid Night to be Held in January**

We are pleased to announce that we will again host our annual Financial Aid Night at Alden High School in early January. Mr. Dan Tramuta, the Director of Financial Aid at SUNY Fredonia will be talking about all aspects of financial aid. He is very knowledgeable about using the Internet and computer based financial aid. This will prove to be a very informative meeting for all. The presentation applies to ALL colleges not just Fredonia. Parents of Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there; the exact date and time will be available in the next issue of Guidance News.

**Looking for information on colleges, financial aid, military or career opportunities? Look no further – the Guidance Office has many resources for your review. Stop by today!**

**Apply Today!**

When preparing your college application, students and parents should remember the following:

- ◆ DO NOT mail applications directly to the college. ALL applications should be brought to your counselor for processing and for the inclusion of your official high school transcript.
- ◆ ALWAYS pay application fees by check, money order, or credit card and make sure to include the student's social security number.

Reminder: Applications to colleges and universities are available in the Guidance Office. Students may also obtain application materials directly from a particular college by writing, e-mailing, or calling their admissions office. In many cases, applications can be downloaded from the Internet.

**Juniors Participate in Career Exploration**

On Wednesday, November 18th from 7:45 - 11:00 a.m., the entire Junior class will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). This is a combination Aptitude Test and Interest Inventory that helps students decide on a career field. We DO NOT give test results to any recruiters. Each Junior will receive a booklet the week before the test that describes what the test is on and what it can do to help them search for career ideas. If you have any questions about the ASVAB feel free to give Guidance a call.

**College Week Live**

- ◆ FREE online college fair featuring hundreds of colleges
- ◆ Admissions representatives and college students ready to answer your questions
- ◆ Live video presentations on crucial admissions topics
- ◆ Attend to be eligible to win scholarships and exciting promotions

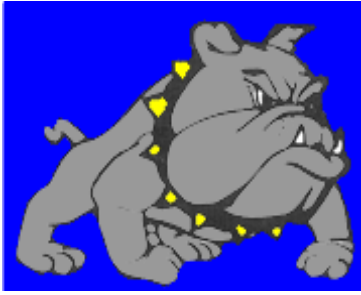
Upcoming Online Events:

- ◆ November 4th-7th, 2009  
- College Week Live Fall
- ◆ January 14th, 2010  
- College Week Live Paying for College
- ◆ March 24th-25th, 2009  
- College Week Live Spring

Sign up for FREE at [CollegeWeekLive.com](http://CollegeWeekLive.com)

## Scholarship Opportunities

- Here's a list of current scholarship opportunities. Don't let these opportunities pass you by – applications are available in Guidance or at the website listed below.
- ◇ AXA Achievement Scholarship— Up to \$15,000 to well-rounded, determined students who have demonstrated achievement at a sport, job or extracurricular activity. For information, visit [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) (Deadline 12/15/09).
  - ◇ Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition—students applying to Boston University may apply for this scholarship. Trustee scholars are typically in the top ten percent of their class and very active leaders in their schools and communities. Applications are available online at [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee). Deadline is 12/01/09.
  - ◇ Burger King Scholars Program— \$1000 scholarships available to all eligible HS seniors who have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part time, are active in community service, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll in a two or four year college. Log on to [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) to apply. (Deadline 2/01/10).
  - ◇ Cappex - Twenty-six scholarships are available in a variety of categories. To qualify, students need to fill out a free profile on Cappex.com. For details, check the website at [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
  - ◇ Dorothea Deitz Memorial Scholarship Grant—Three scholarships (\$6500, \$5500 and \$4500) are available to women students planning to major in Phys Ed Teacher Education. Applications available at [www.nysahperd.org](http://www.nysahperd.org); Deadline is 3/01/10.
  - ◇ Dr. Seuss's Oh, The Places You'll Go! Scholarship— Recognizes a high school senior who understands and values the limitless possibilities that education can offer with a \$5000 scholarship award. Applications available in Guidance or at [www.ohtheplaces.org](http://www.ohtheplaces.org). Deadline: 2/15/10.
  - ◇ FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education "Freedom in Academia" HS student essay contest—This competition is open to all HS seniors enrolled in an American high school; the essay must be 700-1200 words—on how American universities betray the purpose of a university and violate the constitutional guarantees of free expression as depicted in two documentaries at [thefire.org/multimedia](http://thefire.org/multimedia). The first place winner will receive a \$5000 scholarship. Deadline to enter is November 6, 2009; students may enter online at [thefire.org/contests](http://thefire.org/contests).
  - ◇ KFC Colonel's Scholars— KFC Colonel's Scholars is looking for outstanding seniors with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for awards up to \$20,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks, room & board. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 and must be enrolling in a public college or university within their state of legal residence. The online scholarship application will be available from December 1, 2009 to February 10, 2010 at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org).
  - ◇ National Co-op Scholarship Program – Students must be accepted for the 2010-11 academic year at one of these colleges: Drexel, Kettering, Wentworth, R.I.T., Johnson & Wales, U. Of Cincinnati, U. of Toledo or Pace. Information and applications available at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). (Deadline 2/15/10).
  - ◇ NYWEA (NY Water Environment Association) Scholarship—Six \$1500 scholarships available to students enrolled in an environmentally related field in a 4-year college. For more information, visit [www.nywea.org](http://www.nywea.org) (Deadline 1/21/10).
  - ◇ Third Annual Create-A-Greeting Card \$10,000 Scholarship Contest—The student who creates the best greeting card will win a \$1000 scholarship and have their design made into an actual card and sold in their line. Enter online at <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship3.htm>
  - ◇ Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program- This program has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program since 1947. Each year, more than 100,000 high school students compete for more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme. ***This year's theme is Does America Still Have Heroes?*** The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12. The Alden Memorial Post 7967 will be judging the entries; winners will move on to the State level, then those winners will compete at the National level in Washington, D.C. The top scholarship is \$30,000. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Student entry forms and last year's winning essay can also be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) (enter "Voice of Democracy" in the search box).
  - ◇ Toyota Community Scholars - One student from ACS can be nominated for the 12th annual Toyota Community Scholars program for HS seniors. The nominee must have initiated or be actively involved in a service program addressing a school or community need; as well as have an outstanding academic record and be an effective leader. If you are interested in being nominated, see your guidance counselor. Applications must be postmarked by 12/01/08.
  - ◇ The Wilson Center Leadership Award—Four awards of \$1000 each are available to seniors. Applicants must submit an essay of 500 words by 12/11/09. Applications available in Guidance.
  - ◇ WNY Safety Conference, Inc.— Offering college scholarships of up to \$1000 to qualified HS students. A 400-500 word essay is required; (Deadline 3/01/10).



  
**Looking for  
Employment?**  
**Check out  
the “Job  
Opportunities”  
bulletin board  
in the Guidance  
Office.**

**Seniors—  
Please notify  
the Guidance  
Office of any  
college  
acceptance so  
that we can  
post the news  
on our bulletin  
board!**

# November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 No School for Students	4 Canisius College Visit & Army visit	5 Navy Visit	6	7 SAT
8	9	10 Marines Visit	11 Veterans Day—No School	12	13 Wellness Day	14
15	16	17 Report Cards Issued	18 ASVAB	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30					

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **November**

07-SAT Administration

### **December**

05-SAT Administration

132-ACT Administration

### **January**

23-SAT Administration

### **March**

06-SAT Administration

23-24- Nat'l College Fair

25-Career Fair-Erie I BOCES

### **April**

10-ACT Administration

### **May**

01-SAT Administration

### **June**

05-SAT Administration

12-ACT Administration

26-Graduation

## **SCHEDULED VISITS:**

November 4 Army

November 5 Navy

November 10 Marines

November 13 Army Nat'l Guard

November 18 Airforce

December 2 Army

December 3 Navy

December 8 Marines

December 11 Army Nat'l Guard

Representatives come to the Guidance Conference Room during Advisement. Interested students should secure a pass from Guidance.